

HOUSE RESOLUTION 239
By Patton

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Johnie Widner on the celebration of their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to those successful marriages that have stood the test of time to serve as exemplars for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 1942, Johnie Widner and Iris Crumley were joined in holy matrimony by the Reverend Johnie F. Reece in his Johnson City home; and since that fateful day, this outstanding couple has faced the world as one, basking in the glow of their love for each other during both life's joys and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Widner have been highly respected citizens of the Johnson City community for many years; they are the very epitome of good neighbors as they always endeavor to treat others as they would like to be treated; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Widner served with probity and acumen as an employee of National Life Insurance Co., in which position he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; after his retirement in 1969, he served as Pastor of several area churches, including New Victory Baptist Church in Jonesborough, Northside Baptist Church in

Elizabethton, and Alpha Baptist Church in Johnson City before his retirement from the ministry in 2001; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Widner retired from employment with Kmart in 1987 and has since been a full-time homemaker; and

WHEREAS, this fine couple's praiseworthy marriage has produced six children, each of whom has excelled in his or her particular field of endeavor; the children are Randy, Billy and Johnny Widner and Susan Jenkins, Annette Campbell and Shirley Francis; and

WHEREAS, they are also the proud grandparents of eleven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, for 60 years, this blessed union has grown and prospered as an expression of time-honored family values and selfless love; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the Widner's are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor and congratulate Johnie and Iris Widner on the celebration of their 60th Wedding Anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.